

Docket No. 206202US3DIV

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hironori FUJIOKA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/848,280

FILED: May 4, 2001

FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUCED IRON AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES THEREFOR

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1700"

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final w/ Marked-Up Copy in response to Drawing Objections in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS | CLAIMS REMAINING | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID | NO. EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
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In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please amend Claims 4, 23, 24 and 25, and add new Claims 26 and 27 as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) A method of producing reduced iron pellets comprising:
- pelletizing a mixture of iron oxide powder, a reducing material and a binder into raw
material pellets;
- reducing the raw material pellets to obtain reduced iron pellets; and

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